

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

CFS 2021/47/XX “Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition” and CFS 2021/47/XX “Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the Context of Food Security And Nutrition – Draft Decision” as presented by the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Gender, Ambassador Josephine Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), and Ms Satu Lassila (Finland).

The Committee:

- a) expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and acknowledges the effective leadership of the Co-Chairs of the OEWG;
- b) endorses the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the *CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition*;
- c) recognizes the importance of an inclusive process, open to all interested stakeholders, leading to the adoption of the Guidelines which will be facilitated by the CFS Secretariat, with the support of a Technical Task Team, under the guidance of the CFS OEWG led by the Co-Chairs;
- d) emphasizes the crucial importance of the planned consultation phases for the ownership and success of the process, and invites all relevant CFS stakeholders to actively participate in the preparation of the Guidelines;
- e) recognizes that sufficient funds for the work-stream are not currently available, and invites CFS Members and stakeholders to provide adequate financial resources in a timely way to enable the full implementation of the policy convergence process;
- f) requests that the *Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition* be presented for endorsement by CFS at its 50th Session in October 2022.